

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**APPLICANTS: ERWIN FERTIG *ET AL.* ART UNIT: 2125**

**SERIAL NO.: 10/559,644**

**EXAMINER: MICHAEL MASINICK**

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**CONFIRMATION NO.: 7285**

**TITLE: PACKAGING MACHINE**

**PETITION UNDER RULE 136(a) FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION**

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Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), for a three-month extension, until Monday, January 14, 2008, in which to file a *Request for Continued Examination and Response to the Final Office Action* to the final Office Action, dated July 13, 2007, for the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period

period for response expired October 13, 2007. The requisite fee of \$525.00 (small entity) is being concurrently remitted via EFT.

Respectfully submitted,

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